

Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research
January 12, 2016
State Office Building – Room 200

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Senator Scott Dibble, Co-Chair
Representative Patrick Garofalo, Co-Chair
Representative Carly Melin
James Backstrom
Maria Botker (via telephone)
Ramona Dohman, Commissioner of Public Safety
Dr. Edward Ehlinger, Commissioner of Health
Karina Forrest-Perkins (via telephone)
James Franklin
Vincent Hayden, PhD
Jeremy Pauling
Dr. Charles Reznikoff
Jeff Schiff for Emily Johnson Piper, Commissioner of Human Services
Laura Schwartzwald (via telephone)
Sarah Wellington
Dr. Dawn Wyllie (via telephone)

Members Excused

Duane Bandel
Dr. Pamela Gonzalez
Dennis Flaherty
David Hartford
David Kolb
Doreen McIntyre

Call to Order:

Rep. Garofalo, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research, called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Rep. Melin moved approval of the minutes from the September 25, 2015 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Michelle Larson, Director, Office of Medical Cannabis, provided an updated on the Minnesota Medical Cannabis program.

Dr. Ed Ehlinger, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health, presented on the process for making the decision to include intractable pain as a qualifying condition for Minnesota's medical cannabis program.

Dr. Charles Reznikoff presented on the barriers to enrollment in the Minnesota medical cannabis program and presented on the Minnesota Physicians' Attitudes on Medical Cannabis survey.

Sen. Dibble spoke to the Task Force on Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research draft report to the legislature. It was determined that a subgroup of members should meet to review and make additions to the draft report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.